

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following paragraphs before the "Background of the Invention" section on line 15 of page 1:

Related Applications

Inventions described herein can be used in conjunction with inventions described in the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/680,541, filed October 4, 2000, entitled, "Replacement of Requested Data with Equivalent Data." This patent application is still pending.

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/684,384, filed on October 4, 2000, entitled, "Adaptive Predictive Delivery of Information." This patent application is still pending.

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/732,519, filed December 6, 2000, entitled "A Trusted Gateway Device Serving Multiple Clients Providing Content Storage, Management and Delivery." This patent application is still pending.

These documents are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. These documents are referred to as the "incorporated disclosures."

Please delete the "Related Applications" section found on page 6, line 6 through page 7, line 2.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 14-18 with the following amended paragraph:

The recipient 150 includes a processor, program and data memory, mass storage, an input device, an interface device capable of coupling with a communications link 115, and program software. The recipient 150 preferably includes a personal computer or similar device. The program software enables the recipient ~~140~~ 150 to perform the function of exchanging data with external devices.

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

At this step 260 the method 200 has completed and may be repeated.

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 3-9 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention is flexible with regard to its implementation. In one embodiment the system 100 includes all the elements illustrated in figure 1 except the ASP 160. As previously mentioned, the sender gateway 120 and the recipient gateway 140 may also be optional. In alternative embodiments, the system 100 includes the core elements of a sender 110, media object 111, email 112, communications network ~~420~~ 130, and recipient 150. In addition to these elements, an alternative embodiment may use any combination of the sender gateway 120, recipient gateways 140, and ASP 160.